To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On May 16, 2022, the Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., Governor; the Honorable Bill Ferguson, President of the Senate; and the Honorable Adrienne A. Jones, Speaker of the House of Delegates, signed the following pieces of legislation, which you passed:

**SB 291**
Chapter 344

**The President (By Request – Administration)**


Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of $1,219,361,000, the proceeds to be used for certain necessary building, construction, demolition, planning, renovation, conversion, replacement, and capital equipment purchases of the State, for acquiring certain real estate in connection therewith, and for grants to certain subdivisions and other organizations for certain development and improvement purposes, subject to certain requirements; etc.

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**HB 246**
Chapter 345

**Delegates Carr and Lehman**

OPEN MEETINGS ACT – NOTICES AND CLOSED SESSIONS – RETENTION PERIODS AND ONLINE POSTING

Altering from 1 year to 3 years the period of time a public body is required to retain a certain notice and a certain written statement under the Open Meetings Act; and requiring a public body, to the extent practicable, to post a certain written closing statement online.

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**SB 269**

*Senator Kagan*

OPEN MEETINGS ACT – APPLICATION AND ENHANCED REQUIREMENTS (MARYLAND STATE AGENCY TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2022)

Repealing exemptions from the Open Meetings Act for certain independent and regional development units; establishing enhanced requirements under the Open Meetings Act for specified public bodies; and providing that a project site visit or educational field tour is not a meeting for purposes of the Open Meetings Act for certain public bodies if no organizational business is conducted.

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**SB 373**

*Senator Kagan*

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – NOTICE OF ENTRY ONTO PRIVATE PROPERTY

Requiring the State Highway Administration or the Maryland Transit Administration, when it gives certain notice to a property owner or posts certain notice to property, to send a copy of a certain notice to the General Assembly members who represent the legislative district in which the property is located.

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**HB 163**

*Delegate Carr*

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – NOTICE OF ENTRY ONTO PRIVATE PROPERTY

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Senators Kagan and Reilly  
PUBLIC SAFETY – 9–1–1 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM – ALTERATIONS

Making alterations to the 9–1–1 Emergency Telephone System in the State; altering the classification of 9–1–1 specialists; authorizing 9–1–1 specialists to seek treatment for job–related audible or visual trauma confidentially; requiring the Maryland 9–1–1 Board to establish certain procedures governing vacancies on the Board; altering the powers and duties of the Board with respect to public safety answering point personnel and cybersecurity standards; requiring the Comptroller to submit certain updates regarding certain audits; etc.
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Delegate Carey  
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION, YOUTH, AND VICTIM SERVICES – REQUIRED PERFORMANCE DATA AND SCORECARD

Requiring the Governor, in fiscal year 2024 and each fiscal year thereafter, to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of $500,000 for the Maryland Behavioral Health and Public Safety Center of Excellence; requiring the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to take certain actions related to the inclusion of performance data and information in reports and the creation of a scorecard of quantifiable safety indicators; etc.
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Senator West  
CHILD CUSTODY – CASES INVOLVING CHILD ABUSE OR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – TRAINING FOR JUDGES

Requiring the Maryland Judiciary, in consultation with domestic violence and child abuse organizations, to develop and update as appropriate a training program for judges and magistrates presiding over child custody cases involving child abuse or domestic violence; requiring the training program to include certain subject matter; and requiring the Maryland Judiciary to adopt procedures to ensure that only judges who have received certain training are assigned child custody cases that may involve child abuse or domestic violence.
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**SB 90**
**Chapter 352**

Senator West

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT – SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS DATABASE**

Requiring the Department of the Environment to create and maintain a database of supplemental environmental projects that the Department may consider for implementation as part of a settlement of an enforcement action; and requiring the Department to prioritize the selection of a supplemental environmental project located in the same geographic area as the alleged violation and to ensure that the scope and cost of a chosen project are sufficient to allow the Department and the alleged violator to reach a settlement.

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**HB 744**
**Chapter 353**

Delegate Lierman (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

**STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – ADMINISTRATION – CLARIFICATIONS AND CORRECTIONS**

Clarifying the procedures for certain State Retirement and Pension System trustee elections; clarifying the survivor benefit for certain beneficiaries of certain retirees of the State Police Retirement System; exempting certain individuals who are retirees of the Correctional Officers’ Retirement System from a certain earnings offset under certain circumstances; providing for immediate vesting for certain individuals appointed by the Governor who are serving in certain positions on or after a certain date; etc.

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**SB 14**
**Chapter 354**

Senator Elfreth

**SUSTAINABLE MARYLAND PROGRAM AND FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Sustainable Maryland Program; establishing the Sustainable Maryland Program Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund to expand and enhance Sustainable Maryland’s promotion and support of communities in Maryland in the effort to realize environmental, economic, and social sustainability; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; requiring the Governor, in fiscal year 2024 and each fiscal year thereafter, to provide an appropriation of $500,000 to the Fund; etc.

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Senator Elfreth (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions), et al

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – COVID–19–RELATED DEATH BENEFITS – SUNSET EXTENSION

Extending the dates used to determine the eligibility of members of the State Retirement and Pension System for COVID–19–related death benefits.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

Senator Elfreth (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – INVESTMENT DIVISION – COMPENSATION

Authorizing the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to pay certain financial incentives under certain circumstances and to adjust compensation for certain employees in the Investment Division of the State Retirement Agency under certain circumstances.

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Senator Guzzone (By Request – Comptroller)

DISCLOSURE OF TAX INFORMATION – FRAUD IDENTIFICATION, PREVENTION, OR RESPONSE

Authorizing, subject to certain limitations, the disclosure of tax information to certain persons or governmental entities authorized by the Comptroller in writing to receive the tax information for the purpose of identifying, preventing, or responding to fraud.

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SB 594  Chapter 358  Senator Guzzone
WINERY AND VINEYARD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM
Establishing the Winery and Vineyard Economic Development Grant Program within the Department of Commerce; authorizing certain individuals and corporations to receive a grant equal to 25% of the qualified capital expenses incurred in connection with establishing new wineries or vineyards or completing capital improvements at existing wineries and vineyards; requiring the Governor each year to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of at least $1,000,000 to be used for grants under the Program; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

SB 798  Chapter 359  Senator Guzzone
GOODWILL EXCEL CENTER – APPROPRIATION
Requiring the Governor, for each of fiscal years 2024 and 2025, to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of $500,000 to the Goodwill Excel Center.
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SB 801  Chapter 360  Senator Guzzone
STATE HEALTH PLAN – CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMISSION – RETIREES
Including employment with the Chesapeake Bay Commission as eligible service with the State for participation as a retiree in the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program; authorizing the State to charge the Commission for the participation in the Program; and providing that the subsidy for employees and retirees of the Commission shall be the same subsidy provided for active and retired State employees.
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SB 271  Chapter 361  Senator Guzzone (By Request – Comptroller)
COMMERCIAL LAW – DISPOSITION OF ABANDONED PROPERTY – WAIVER OF PENALTIES
Authorizing the Comptroller to waive certain penalties related to abandoned property in the State.
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**HB 1249**
Delegate Beitzel, et al
Chapter 362
LIBRARIES – CAPITAL PROJECTS – STATE SHARE ADJUSTMENTS

Providing for a certain adjustment to the State share percentage for a county library capital project if a county’s median household income is in the bottom quartile in the State and the State share percentage for a county library capital project is 50%; etc.
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**SB 847**
Senator Edwards, et al
Chapter 363
LIBRARIES – CAPITAL PROJECTS – STATE SHARE ADJUSTMENTS

Providing for a certain adjustment to the State share percentage for a county library capital project if a county’s median household income is in the bottom quartile in the State and the State share percentage for a county library capital project is 50%; etc.
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**HB 968**
Delegate Kipke, et al
Chapter 364
HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – DENTAL ASSISTANTS – CERTIFICATION AND REGULATION

Establishing a certification and regulatory scheme to certify dental assistants to perform certain intraoral procedures; specifying the intraoral procedures a dental assistant is authorized to perform without being certified by the State Board of Dental Examiners and the intraoral procedures that require certification; and authorizing the Board to penalize a licensed dentist who allows a dental assistant to provide dental care in an unauthorized manner or without required instruction or supervision.
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**HB 1274**
Delegate Kipke
Chapter 365
PRESCRIPTION DRUGS – PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS – FEDERAL 340B PROGRAM

Establishing requirements and prohibitions on pharmacy benefits managers related to the federal 340B Program, including requirements related to coverage and reimbursement for drugs purchased under the Program.
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HB 228  Delegate Crosby
Chapter 366
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – RATE SUSPENSION PROCEEDINGS
Altering the number of days from 150 to 180 for which the Public Service Commission may initially suspend a public service company’s proposed rate; and allowing the Commission to extend a rate suspension for up to an additional 90 days if the filing is for an alternative form of ratemaking for a public service company.
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SB 131  Senator Kelley
Chapter 367
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – RATE SUSPENSION PROCEEDINGS
Altering the number of days the Public Service Commission may initially suspend a new rate or change in rate proposed by the public service company from 150 to 180; repealing the Commission’s authority to extend the rate suspension for an additional 30 days if the Commission makes a certain finding; and authorizing the Commission to extend the rate suspension for 90 days if the filing is for an alternative form of ratemaking for a public service company.
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SB 952  Senators Hough and Young
Chapter 368
FREDERICK COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – VACANCIES
Altering the method for filling a vacancy on the Frederick County Board of Education.
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HB 924  Delegate Valderrama
Chapter 369
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS 4 LIMITED WINERY LICENSES – EXTENSION
Extending the application dates of certain provisions related to certain holders of Class 4 limited winery licenses.
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SB 569
Chapter 370
Senator Simonaire
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS 4 LIMITED WINERY LICENSES – EXTENSION
Extending the application dates of certain provisions related to certain holders of Class 4 limited winery licenses.
EFFECTIVE APRIL 15, 2022

HB 1219
Chapter 371
Delegate Bhandari
PHARMACISTS – STATUS AS HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND STUDY ON REIMBURSEMENT
Altering a certain definition of “health care provider” to include pharmacists for the purposes of provisions of law related to the destruction of medical records; and requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to establish a workgroup to identify options and requirements necessary for the reimbursement of pharmacists and submit a report to certain committees of the General Assembly by December 31, 2022.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

SB 661
Chapter 372
Senator Benson, et al
PHARMACISTS – STATUS AS HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND STUDY ON REIMBURSEMENT
Altering a certain definition of “health care provider” to include pharmacists for the purposes of provisions of law related to the destruction of medical records; and requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to establish a workgroup to identify options and requirements necessary for the reimbursement of pharmacists and submit a report to certain committees of the General Assembly by December 31, 2022.
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SB 771
Chapter 373
Senator Ferguson

Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – Licenses and Outdoor Table Service Privileges

Altering certain hours of sale, certain square footage requirements, and a certain license fee for the holder of a public market license in the 46th alcoholic beverages district in Baltimore City; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to waive certain distance restrictions for an application for the transfer of a license into a certain area; repealing a provision of law authorizing the Board to issue not more than two Class B licenses in a certain area in the 46th alcoholic beverages district; etc.

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HB 1221
Chapter 374
Delegate Amprey

Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – 40th Alcoholic Beverages District

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue certain licenses in certain areas of the 40th alcoholic beverages district in Baltimore City under certain circumstances; and prohibiting certain license holders in certain areas of the 40th alcoholic beverages district from selling alcoholic beverages at certain times of day.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 757
Chapter 375
Senator Hayes

Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – 40th Alcoholic Beverages District

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue certain licenses in certain areas of the 40th alcoholic beverages district in Baltimore City under certain circumstances; and prohibiting certain license holders in certain areas of the 40th alcoholic beverages district from selling alcoholic beverages at certain times of day.

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HB 906
Delegate J. Lewis
Chapter 376
HEALTH EQUITY RESOURCE COMMUNITIES – MODIFICATIONS

Requiring the Chesapeake Regional Information System for our Patients (CRISP) to provide technical assistance to the Community Health Resources Commission in implementing provisions of law governing Health Equity Resource Communities; altering the date from October 1, 2022, to October 1, 2023, by which the Commission must issue a request for proposals to designate areas as Health Equity Resource Communities; establishing that the Health Equity Resource Fund may be used to fund certain staffing positions at the Commission; etc.
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SB 607
Senator Hayes, et al
Chapter 377
HEALTH EQUITY RESOURCE COMMUNITIES – MODIFICATIONS

Requiring the Chesapeake Regional Information System for our Patients (CRISP) to provide technical assistance to the Community Health Resources Commission in implementing provisions of law governing Health Equity Resource Communities; altering the date from October 1, 2022, to October 1, 2023, by which the Commission must issue a request for proposals to designate areas as Health Equity Resource Communities; establishing that the Health Equity Resource Fund may be used to fund certain staffing positions at the Commission; etc.
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SB 713
Senator Reilly
Chapter 378
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – NATURAL RESOURCES – FISHING GEAR

Authorizing a person to use archery equipment to harvest northern snakehead in certain Anne Arundel County waters.
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SB 642
Chapter 379

Senator Cassilly

HARFORD COUNTY – VEHICLE HEIGHT MONITORING SYSTEMS

Authorizing the use of vehicle height monitoring systems in Harford County to enforce certain State and local laws restricting the presence of certain vehicles during certain times subject to certain requirements.
EMERGENCY BILL

HB 1451
Chapter 380

Delegate McIntosh

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – BUSINESS PROJECTS AND THE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Authorizing the Community Development Administration to provide certain forms of financial assistance for business projects; altering the requirements for a project to qualify as a certain business project; authorizing the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide certain forms of financial assistance under the Business Development Program; and authorizing the Department to sell or assign a certain equity interest without approval or execution by the Board of Public Works.
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HB 1448
Chapter 381

Delegate Clippinger

DISTRICT COURT – CONCURRENT CIVIL JURISDICTION – VIOLATION OF ORDINANCES

Establishing that the District Court has concurrent civil jurisdiction with a governing body of a county or the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore over a proceeding for adjudication of a violation of certain ordinances.
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SB 147
Chapter 382
Senator Waldstreicher
MOTOR VEHICLES – OPERATION WHEN APPROACHING STOPPED, STANDING, OR PARKED VEHICLES
Requiring a driver to make a certain lane change or to slow the speed of the driver’s vehicle with due regard for safety and traffic conditions when approaching from the rear a stopped, standing, or parked vehicle displaying hazard warning lights, road flares, or other caution signals.
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SB 134
Chapter 383
Senator Lee
MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION – TRAINING REQUIREMENTS – ELECTRONIC STALKING
Requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to require certain entrance–level and in–service police training conducted by the State and each county and municipal police training school to include certain training related to the criminal laws concerning stalking as they pertain to electronic surveillance or tracking, including services available to victims, related prevention methods for victims, and how victims may request additional assistance to identify and preserve digital evidence.
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SB 826
Chapter 384
Senator Klausmeier, et al
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND WATERMEN’S MICROLOAN PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT
Establishing the Maryland Watermen’s Microloan Program in the Maryland Agricultural and Resource–Based Industry Development Corporation to provide loans to qualified commercial fishermen to continue commercial operations in the State; providing, beginning July 1, 2025, that generational watermen, beginner watermen, and seafood processing businesses are eligible to receive loans under the Program; and requiring that a loan made under the Program be at least $7,000 and not more than $15,000.
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SB 950
Chapter 385
Senators Eckardt and Carozza
WICOMICO COUNTY – ORPHANS’ COURT – SALARY OF ORPHANS’ COURT JUDGES

Increasing the salary of a judge of the Orphans’ Court of Wicomico County from $9,500 to $11,600.
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SB 988
Chapter 386
Senator Eckardt (By Request – Dorchester County Council)
DORCHESTER COUNTY – ORPHANS’ COURT – SALARY AND EXPENSE ALLOWANCE OF ORPHANS’ COURT JUDGES

Increasing, from $4,700 to $6,000, the salary of a judge of the Orphans’ Court for Dorchester County; and increasing, from $800 to $1,000, the annual expense allowance of a judge of the Orphans’ Court for Dorchester County.
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HB 193
Chapter 387
Dorchester County Delegation, et al
MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION – EXCEPTIONS FOR GOLF CARTS – HOOPERS ISLAND AND TAYLORS ISLAND

Creating an exception to motor vehicle registration requirements for golf carts on Upper Hoopers Island, Middle Hoopers Island, and Taylors Island; providing that a person operating a golf cart on Upper or Middle Hoopers Island and Taylors Island may only operate a golf cart that is equipped with certain lighting devices, on highways with a maximum speed limit of 30 miles per hour, and between dawn and dusk; requiring the operator to have a valid driver’s license; etc.
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SB 80  
Chapter 388

Senator Eckardt

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION – EXCEPTIONS FOR GOLF CARTS – HOOPERS ISLAND AND TAYLORS ISLAND

Creating an exception to motor vehicle registration requirements for golf carts on Upper Hoopers Island, Middle Hoopers Island, and Taylors Island, in Dorchester County; providing that a person who operates a golf car on a highway in Upper Hoopers Island, Middle Hoopers Island, and Taylors Island may operate the golf cart only on highways on which the maximum speed does not exceed 30 miles per hour between dawn and dusk and only if the golf cart is equipped with certain lighting devices; requiring the operator to have a valid driver's license; etc.
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HB 143  
Chapter 389

Delegate Otto

SOMERSET COUNTY – NATURAL RESOURCES – SUNDAY HUNTING

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person in Somerset County to hunt on private property during a certain time period on certain Sundays of the game bird or game mammal seasons; and establishing an exception to the prohibition against the Department authorizing Sunday hunting on public land for public land in Somerset County leased to a hunt club during a certain time period on certain Sundays.
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HB 51  
Chapter 390

Delegate Mautz

TALBOT COUNTY – DEER AND TURKEY HUNTING – SUNDAYS

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to hunt deer during certain time periods on each Sunday of the deer hunting seasons in Talbot County; and authorizing the Department to allow a person to hunt turkey during certain time periods on each Sunday of the spring turkey hunting season in Talbot County.
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**SB 885**
Chapter 391

**Senators Griffith and Elfreth**

MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – MARYLAND EQUITY INVESTMENT FUND – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Maryland Equity Investment Fund in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation; providing for the investment of certain General Fund surplus in certain private equity and venture capital in the State for a certain purpose through the Fund; and altering, for fiscal year 2024, the distribution of certain unappropriated General Fund surplus.

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**SB 458**
Chapter 392

**Senators Griffith and Elfreth**

MARYLAND TEACHERS AND STATE EMPLOYEES SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT PLANS – USE OF MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

Requiring the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Teachers and State Employees Supplemental Retirement Plans to consider using minority business enterprises for investment advisor and fund manager services; requiring the Board to use the Office of State Procurement’s website and the State’s electronic procurement system to provide notice to potential providers; and requiring the Board, in consultation with a certain entity, to identify entities that have been certified as minority business enterprises under certain circumstances.

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**HB 855**
Chapter 393

**Delegate Boyce**

AGRICULTURE – URBAN AGRICULTURE WATER AND POWER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM AND FUND – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Urban Agriculture Water and Power Infrastructure Grant Program in the Department of Agriculture to increase the viability of urban farming and community gardens and improve access to urban–grown foods; establishing the Urban Agriculture Water and Power Infrastructure Grant Fund to provide grants to urban agricultural producers and qualified nonprofit organizations for the purchase and installation of agricultural equipment associated with water supply and irrigation and electric power access; etc.

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**SB 942**  
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AGRICULTURE – URBAN AGRICULTURE WATER AND POWER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM AND FUND – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Urban Agriculture Water and Power Infrastructure Grant Program in the Department of Agriculture to increase the viability of urban farming and community gardens and improve access to urban–grown foods; and establishing the Urban Agriculture Water and Power Infrastructure Grant Fund to provide grants to urban agricultural producers and qualified nonprofit organizations for the purchase and installation of agriculture equipment associated with water supply and irrigation and electric power access.  
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**SB 626**  
Chapter 395  
**Senator Griffith, et al**  
MARYLAND LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM FOR PHYSICIANS AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS – ALTERATIONS

Clarifying that part–time physicians and physician assistants are eligible for participation in the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Physicians and Physician Assistants; authorizing the Maryland Department of Health to establish prorated loan repayment assistance for part–time physicians and physician assistants; and establishing the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program Advisory Council for Physicians and Physician Assistants to assist the Department in the administration of the Program.  
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HB 1464
Chapter 396
Delegate Sample-Hughes
MARYLAND LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM FOR PHYSICIANS AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS – ALTERATIONS
Clarifying that part-time physicians and physician assistants are eligible for participation in the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Physicians and Physician Assistants; authorizing the Maryland Department of Health to establish prorated loan repayment assistance for part-time physicians and physician assistants; and establishing the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program Advisory Council for Physicians and Physician Assistants to assist the Department in the administration of the Program.
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SB 27
Chapter 397
Senator Augustine
ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE AND DEMENTIA – COUNCIL AND COORDINATION OF SERVICES (DEMENTIA SERVICES ACT OF 2022)
Renaming the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders Council to be the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias Council; establishing 3-year terms for the appointed members of the Council; requiring the Council, by September 1, 2022, and by September 1 every 5 years thereafter, to issue and publish an update to the State Plan on Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias; establishing the position of Director of Dementia Services and Brain Health to facilitate communication relating to dementia services; etc.
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HB 166
Chapter 398

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND DEMENTIA – COUNCIL AND COORDINATION OF SERVICES (DEMENTIA SERVICES ACT OF 2022)

Renaming the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders Council to be the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias Council; establishing 3–year terms for the appointed members of the Council; requiring the Council, by September 1, 2022, and every 5 years thereafter, to issue and publish an update to the State Plan on Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias; establishing the position of Director of Dementia Services and Brain Health to facilitate communication about dementia services in the State; etc.

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Senator Augustine

SB 103
Chapter 399

STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR AUDIOLOGISTS, HEARING AID DISPENSERS, SPEECH–LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS, AND MUSIC THERAPISTS – REVISIONS

Altering certain requirements for the licensing and regulation of audiologists, hearing aid dispensers, speech–language pathologists, and music therapists, including clarifying quorum requirements for the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech–Language Pathologists, and Music Therapists, license reciprocity, professional disciplinary grounds, and delegation authority for audiologists.

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Delegate Sample–Hughes

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Chapter 400

STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR AUDIOLOGISTS, HEARING AID DISPENSERS, SPEECH–LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS, AND MUSIC THERAPISTS – REVISIONS

Altering certain requirements for the licensing and regulation of audiologists, hearing aid dispensers, speech–language pathologists, and music therapists, including clarifying quorum requirements for the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech–Language Pathologists, and Music Therapists, license reciprocity, professional disciplinary grounds, and delegation authority for audiologists.

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**HB 777**  
Chapter 401  
Delegates Rosenberg and Stein  
REAL PROPERTY – PARTITION OF PROPERTY

Requiring the court in an action to partition real property to determine whether the property is heirs property for the purpose of partition of the property among certain cotenants and if so, to determine the market value of the property unless the court makes certain determinations; etc.

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**SB 92**  
Chapter 402  
Senator Augustine, et al  
REAL PROPERTY – PARTITION OF PROPERTY

Requiring the court in an action to partition real property to determine the market value of the property unless the court makes certain determinations; and establishing procedures for the purchase of interests in real property by cotenants, for the partition in kind of real property among cotenants, and for the partition by sale of real property on the open market by a real estate broker licensed in this State.

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**SB 518**  
Chapter 403  
Senator Augustine  
CAREER PATHWAYS FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS PROGRAM

Establishing the Career Pathways for Health Care Workers Program in the Maryland Department of Labor for the purpose of providing matching grants to eligible employers for training programs attended by health care workers; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill and appropriation of at least $1,000,000 for the Program; etc.

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**HB 286**  
Chapter 404  
Delegate Kaiser  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES – PARAMEDICS – IMMUNIZATION ADMINISTRATION – EFFECTIVE DATE

Delaying the effective date to January 1, 2025, of certain provisions of law that repeal the authority of paramedics to administer influenza and 2019CoV immunizations under certain circumstances.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022**
Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al

HB 1397
Chapter 405

HEALTH INSURANCE – PRESCRIPTION INSULIN DRUGS – LIMITS ON COPAYMENT AND COINSURANCE (INSULIN COST REDUCTION ACT)

Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to limit the amount a covered individual is required to pay in copayments or coinsurance for a covered prescription insulin drug to not more than $30 for a 30–day supply.
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Delegate Chang, et al

HB 178
Chapter 406

PUBLIC HEALTH – COTTAGE FOOD BUSINESSES – ANNUAL REVENUES

Altering the definition of “cottage food business” for the purpose of increasing from $25,000 to $50,000 the cap on the annual revenue from the sale of cottage food products that a cottage food business may earn.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

Delegate Jacobs, et al

HB 1149
Chapter 407

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – SHRIMP FISHERY REGULATIONS – CLARIFICATION

Clarifying the authority of the Department of Natural Resources to, notwithstanding certain provisions of law, adopt regulations governing any aspect of the shrimp fishery and establishing and implementing a pilot program related to fishing for shrimp.
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Delegate Jacobs, et al

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Chapter 408

DEER MANAGEMENT PERMIT – HUNTING ON STATE LAND LEASED BY PERMIT HOLDER – AUTHORIZATION

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow an individual who hunts deer under a Deer Management Permit to use a shotgun or breech loading center fired rifle approved by the Department to hunt deer throughout the year, including all deer hunting seasons, in a certain manner on State land leased by a permit holder for the purpose of cultivating crops.
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**SB 455**
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**Senator Bailey**

CHESAPEAKE BAY AND COASTAL SPORT FISHING LICENSE AND RECREATIONAL FISHING – PILOT PROGRAM AND TASK FORCE

Establishing the Chesapeake Bay and Coastal Sport Fishing License Pilot Program to collect certain recreational fishing information and improve compliance with a certain registration requirement; establishing the Task Force on Recreational Fishing Data Collection and Licensing to study and develop multiyear plans for improving the collection and quality of certain recreational fishing data; and requiring the Task force to report its recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2022.

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**HB 601**
Chapter 410

**Delegate Jacobs, et al**

CHESAPEAKE BAY AND COASTAL SPORT FISHING LICENSE AND RECREATIONAL FISHING – PILOT PROGRAM AND TASK FORCE

Establishing the Chesapeake Bay and Coastal Sport Fishing License Pilot Program to collect certain recreational fishing information and improve compliance with a certain registration requirement; requiring a certain annual report on the program by December 1, 2023; establishing the Task Force on Recreational Fishing Data Collection and Licensing to study and develop multiyear plans for improving the collection and quality of certain recreational fishing data; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings by December 1, 2022.

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**SB 876**
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**Senators Bailey and Carozza**

WATER POLLUTION – OYSTER REPLETION SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

Requiring the Department of the Environment to include oyster repletion projects in a certain database; and requiring the Department to prioritize a supplemental environmental project involving certain oyster repletion projects for a party who is in violation of a certain effluent limitation or unpermitted discharge.

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WATER POLLUTION – OYSTER REPLETION SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS
Requiring the Department of the Environment to include oyster repletion projects in a certain database; and requiring the Department to prioritize a supplemental environmental project involving certain oyster repletion projects for a party who is in violation of a certain effluent limitation or unpermitted discharge.
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HB 644  Cecil County Delegation
Chapter 413
CECIL COUNTY – FISHING – RESTRICTIONS
Adding Cecil County to a list of counties to which certain riparian laws do not apply; prohibiting a person from placing pound nets to catch fish for commercial use in the waters of the Susquehanna River in Cecil County; and repealing certain fishing restrictions that apply in Cecil County.
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SB 900  Cecil County Senators
Chapter 414
CECIL COUNTY – FISHING – REVISIONS
Adding Cecil County to a list of counties to which certain riparian laws do not apply; prohibiting a person from placing pound nets to catch fish for commercial use in the waters of the Susquehanna River in Cecil County; and repealing certain fishing restrictions that apply in Cecil County.
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Delegate Smith, et al

COMMUNITY SOLAR ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEMS – EXEMPTION FROM PROPERTY TAXES

Exempting certain community solar energy generating systems from personal property taxes; prohibiting the supervisor of a county or a municipal corporation from accepting applications for the exemption after December 31, 2024; and requiring the Department of Assessments and Taxation to report to certain committees of the General Assembly, by October 1 each year, on the number and location of projects that, in the immediately preceding taxable year, have received the exemption.

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Senator Young

TRANSPORTATION – ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED TRANSPORTATION SERVICE – COUNTY FUNDING

Requiring the Secretary of Transportation to identify separately within the Department of Transportation's annual budget at least $4,305,908 of funding in fiscal year 2024 and a certain amount of funding in all subsequent fiscal years to be used for county elderly and handicapped transportation service; and requiring, on or before December 1 each year, the Secretary to report to certain committees of the General Assembly on the amount of funding distributed to each county and municipality under the Act.

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Senator Young, et al

VEHICLE LAWS – PLUG–IN ELECTRIC DRIVE VEHICLES – RESERVED PARKING SPACES

Prohibiting a person from stopping, standing, or parking a vehicle that is not a plug–in electric drive vehicle plugged into charging equipment in a parking space that is designated by certain signage indicating for the use of plug–in electric drive vehicles only; requiring that a parking space for the use of plug–in electric drive vehicles be counted as part of the overall number of parking spaces for certain purposes; establishing a civil penalty of $100 for a violation of the Act; etc.

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Delegate Barve, et al

VEHICLE LAWS – PLUG–IN ELECTRIC DRIVE VEHICLES – RESERVED PARKING SPACES

Prohibiting a person from stopping, standing, or parking a vehicle that is not a plug–in electric drive vehicle plugged into charging equipment in a parking space that is designated for the use of plug–in electric drive vehicles; establishing certain standards for signage designating reserved parking for certain plug–in electric drive vehicles; requiring that a parking space that is for the use of plug–in electric drive vehicles be counted as part of the overall number of parking spaces for purposes of complying with certain laws; etc.
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Delegate Stein

ENVIRONMENT – ON–SITE WASTEWATER SERVICES – REGULATION

Establishing the State Board of On–Site Wastewater Professionals in the Department of the Environment to regulate individuals who provide on–site wastewater services in the State and to establish minimum standards for certain on–site wastewater systems; requiring the Department, in consultation with the Board, to set certain fees for the issuance and renewal of licenses and other Board–provided services; establishing the On–Site Wastewater Professionals Fund; requiring the Board to establish a certain code of ethics; etc.
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Delegate Stein

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – IRREPLACEABLE NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Irreplaceable Natural Areas Program in the Department of Natural Resources to preserve Maryland’s native biodiversity on State–owned land managed by the Department; requiring the Department, by July 1, 2023, to adopt regulations designating irreplaceable natural areas on State–owned land managed by the Department and establishing management objectives for irreplaceable natural areas; etc.
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**HB 930**  
Delegate Stein  
Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Funds – Property Acquisition and Construction of Facilities

Repealing certain requirements regarding the location of land that may be acquired by the State under the Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Fund; and authorizing the use of the Fund for certain construction.  
Effective October 1, 2022

**HB 1380**  
Delegate P. Young, et al  
General Provisions – LGBTQ Veterans – Honorable Discharge (Restoration of Honor Act)

Defining “honorable discharge” with respect to any State program of benefits, rights, or privileges applicable to a veteran to include certain discharge that is less than honorable; requiring a veteran to submit to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs documentation that provides the basis for the veteran’s discharge; and requiring the Secretary to adopt certain regulations to determine whether an individual qualifies as an honorably discharged veteran.  
Effective October 1, 2022

**HB 167**  
Delegate Bagnall, et al  
Commission to Establish a Maryland Women Veterans Memorial

Establishing the Commission to Establish a Maryland Women Veterans Memorial to study establishing a memorial dedicated to Maryland women veterans; and requiring the Commission to submit a preliminary report on its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by February 1, 2023, and a final report by September 30, 2023.  
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HB 514
Charles County Delegation
Chapter 424
CHARLES COUNTY – NATURAL RESOURCES – SUNDAY HUNTING
Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person in Charles County to hunt any game bird or game mammal during a certain time period on certain Sundays during the open season for that game bird or game mammal.
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HB 739
Charles County Delegation
Chapter 425
WORKGROUP TO STUDY THE FISCAL AND OPERATIONAL VIABILITY OF PUBLIC–PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS FOR CHARLES COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Establishing a Workgroup to Study the Fiscal and Operational Viability of Public–Private Partnerships for Charles County Public Schools; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Board of Charles County Commissioners, the Charles County Board of Education, the Interagency Commission on School Construction, and the members of the Charles County Delegation of the General Assembly.
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SB 916
Senator Jackson
Chapter 426
WORKGROUP TO STUDY THE FISCAL AND OPERATIONAL VIABILITY OF PUBLIC–PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS FOR CHARLES COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Establishing a Workgroup to Study the Fiscal and Operational Viability of Public–Private Partnerships for Charles County Public Schools; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Board of Charles County Commissioners, the Charles County Board of Education, the Interagency Commission on School Construction, and the members of the Charles County Delegation of the General Assembly.
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SB 232
Chapter 427
Senator Jackson
REGISTERS OF WILLS – MAXIMUM SALARY – INCREASE
Increasing from $124,500 to $146,500, the maximum annual salary that the Board of Public Works may set for a register of wills.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

HB 195
Chapter 428
Delegate Clark, et al
MARINE CONTRACTOR LICENSE – AUTHORIZATION, REQUIREMENTS, AND FEES
Authorizing a unit of local government to qualify for a marine contractor license; exempting an individual employed by a county or municipality in the State who performs marine contractor services while in the performance of the duties of their employment from paying a fee for the issuance or renewal of a marine contractor license or a test administered by the Marine Contractors Licensing Board; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

HB 170
Chapter 429
Delegate Clark
CALVERT COUNTY – SUNDAY HUNTING
Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to hunt during a certain time period on certain Sundays of the game bird and game mammal seasons in Calvert County.
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HB 558
Chapter 430
Delegate Clark
LAND USE – AGRITOURISM – DEFINITION
Altering the definition of “agritourism” to include camping and incidental stays for the purpose of a certain provision of law authorizing a local jurisdiction to adopt the definition of “agritourism”.
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SB 296
Chapter 431

Senators Gallion and Carozza

LAND USE – AGRITOURISM – DEFINITION

Altering the definition of “agritourism” to include camping and incidental outdoor stays for the purpose of a certain provision of law authorizing a local jurisdiction to adopt the definition of “agritourism”.
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HB 527
Chapter 432

St. Mary’s County Delegation

ST. MARY’S COUNTY – EMERGENCY SERVICES APPLICANTS – POLYGRAPH EXAMINATIONS

Exempting applicants for employment as a paramedic or an emergency medical technician with St. Mary’s County or employment with the St. Mary’s County Emergency Communications Center from the prohibition on employers requiring or demanding that an individual submit to or take a polygraph examination as a condition of employment.
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HB 1143
Chapter 433

Allegany County Delegation and Garrett County Delegation

ALLEGANY COUNTY AND GARRETT COUNTY – ALL–TERRAIN VEHICLES AND SNOWMOBILES

Expanding the definition of “all–terrain vehicle” in provisions governing the use of all–terrain vehicles and snowmobiles in Allegany County and Garrett County to include off–highway motorcycles; and expanding the area of a highway from 2 miles to 5 miles on which Allegany County and Garrett County may authorize all–terrain vehicles and snowmobiles to operate.
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HB 1076
Chapter 434

Delegate Wivell

VEHICLE LAWS – ELECTRONIC OR DIGITAL 24–HOUR REGISTRATION

Authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to issue an electronic or digital 24–hour registration authorizing an owner of a vehicle to operate the vehicle on a highway in the State.
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HB 994
Chapter 435
Delegate Brooks
PUBLIC UTILITIES – UNDERGROUND FACILITIES – ONE–CALL SYSTEM

Requiring a person notifying the one–call system before performing an excavation or demolition to select a specific start work date; altering the information that must be provided to a one–call system; requiring the ticket generated by the one–call system to include a response date and time that corresponds with the start work date selected by the person; altering the time frame during which a ticket is valid; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

SB 789
Chapter 436
Senator Feldman
PUBLIC UTILITIES – UNDERGROUND FACILITIES – ONE–CALL SYSTEM

Requiring a person notifying the one–call system before performing an excavation or demolition to select a specific start work date; altering the information that must be provided to a one–call system; requiring the ticket generated by the one–call system to include a response date and time that corresponds with the start work date selected by the person; altering the time frame during which a ticket is valid; etc.
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SB 527
Chapter 437
Senator Feldman
ELDERLY INDIVIDUALS – HOWARD COUNTY AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY ADULT DAY HEALTH CARE SERVICES PILOT PROGRAM AND TASK FORCE

Establishing the Howard County and Montgomery County Adult Day Health Care Services Pilot Program in Howard County and Montgomery County to integrate the provision of medical adult day care services, home health care services, and medical services provided under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; authorizing Howard County and Montgomery County to jointly authorize the operation of one or more integrator entities to coordinate services provided under the pilot program; etc.
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**HB 341**
Delegate Brooks
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
Altering the date, from September 1 to November 1 of each year, by which the Public Service Commission must submit a report on the status of a certain net metering program; and repealing a reporting requirement on customer education about competitive electricity supply.
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**SB 257**
Senator Beidle
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
Altering the date, from September 1 to November 1 of each year, by which the Public Service Commission must submit a report on the status of a certain net metering program; and repealing a reporting requirement on customer education about competitive electricity supply.
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**HB 205**
Delegate Bartlett
CLERKS OF THE CIRCUIT COURTS – BONDS, LICENSES, OATHS, AND COMMISSIONS
Altering certain provisions and procedures relating to the clerks of the circuit courts, including the execution of certain bonds and the issuance of certain licenses.
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**SB 97**
Senator Beidle
CLERKS OF THE CIRCUIT COURTS – BONDS, LICENSES, OATHS, AND COMMISSIONS
Altering certain provisions and procedures relating to the clerks of the circuit courts, including the execution of certain bonds and the issuance of certain licenses.
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**HB 1323**
Delegate Bartlett
Chapter 442

**VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE – PROVISION OF SERVICES – TECHNICAL CORRECTION**

Correcting a cross-reference relating to a requirement that a physician or hospital provide certain services to victims of sexual abuse without charge to the victim.

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**HB 546**
Delegate Arentz, et al
Chapter 443

**PEDESTRIANS – KENT ISLAND DRAWBRIDGE – FISHING PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a pedestrian from catching or attempting to catch fish by any means on or under the Maryland Route 18 Kent Island Drawbridge over the Kent Narrows in Queen Anne’s County.

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**HB 556**
Delegate Arentz, et al
Chapter 444

**CAROLINE COUNTY, DORCHESTER COUNTY, AND QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY – NATURAL RESOURCES – SUNDAY HUNTING**

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to hunt during a certain time period on certain Sundays of the game bird and game mammal seasons in Caroline County, Dorchester County, and Queen Anne’s County.

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HB 379
Delegate Korman

Chapter 445

STATE EMPLOYEE AND RETIREE HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY FOR ENROLLMENT AND PARTICIPATION (INDEPENDENT AGENCY HEALTH INSURANCE OPTION ACT)

Authorizing employees of the Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation and the Maryland Clean Energy Center to enroll and participate in the health insurance benefit options established under the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program; requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management to determine whether the entities are eligible to participate in the Program within 60 days of the effective date of the Act; and requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management to submit a certain report.

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HB 383
Delegates Korman and Solomon

Chapter 446

YOUNG READERS PROGRAMS – ESTABLISHMENT (YOUNG READERS PROGRAM EXPANSION ACT)

Establishing the Baltimore City Young Readers Program within the Division of Children and Youth of the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to mail free, high-quality books to children in Baltimore City; establishing the Young Readers Matching Grant Program within the Division to provide matching grants to affiliated services to support the establishment and operation of certain book-gifting services; and requiring the Deputy Director of the Division to administer the programs.

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SB 438
Senator McCray
Chapter 447
YOUNG READERS PROGRAMS – ESTABLISHMENT (YOUNG READERS PROGRAM EXPANSION ACT)
Establishing the Baltimore City Young Readers Program within the Division of Children and Youth of the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to mail free, high-quality books to certain children; establishing the Young Readers Matching Grant Program within the Division to provide matching grants to affiliated services to support the establishment and operation of certain book-gifting services; requiring the Deputy Director of the Division to administer the programs; etc.
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SB 59
Senator McCray, et al
Chapter 448
MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – TOLLS – CIVIL PENALTIES
Requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority to waive certain civil penalties assessed for certain toll violations under certain circumstances; and requiring the Authority to reimburse certain civil penalties paid in error and notify certain individuals eligible for a certain reimbursement.
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HB 27
Delegates Luedtke and Smith
Chapter 449
HISTORIC REVITALIZATION AND ENTERPRISE ZONE TAX CREDITS – ALTERATIONS AND ELIGIBILITY
Altering certain limitations on a certain credit against the State income tax for certain commercial rehabilitation projects; establishing the Small Commercial Project Trust Account within the Historic Revitalization Tax Credit Reserve Fund; requiring the Governor, in certain fiscal years, to include in the annual State budget an appropriation of at least a certain amount for the Reserve Fund and the Trust Account; altering eligibility for and the calculation of a certain credit against a certain property tax; etc.
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**SB 289**
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**Senators McCray and Hester**

HISTORIC REVITALIZATION AND ENTERPRISE ZONE TAX CREDITS – ALTERATIONS AND ELIGIBILITY

Altering certain limitations on a certain credit against the State income tax for certain commercial rehabilitation projects; establishing the Small Commercial Project Trust Account within the Historic Revitalization Tax Credit Reserve Fund; requiring the Governor, in certain fiscal years, to include in the annual State budget an appropriation of at least a certain amount for the Reserve Fund and the Trust Account; altering the eligibility for and the calculation of a certain credit against a certain property tax; etc.

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**HB 1048**
Chapter 451

**Delegate Henson**

COMMISSION ON AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE – ALTERATIONS (SENATOR VERDA WELCOME ACT)

Establishing the Commission on African American History and Culture as an independent agency; requiring the Governor, for each fiscal year, to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of $1,600,000 for the Commission; etc.

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**SB 953**
Chapter 452

**Senator McCray**

COMMISSION ON AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE – ALTERATIONS (SENATOR VERDA WELCOME ACT)

Establishing the Commission on African American History and Culture as an independent unit in the Executive Branch of State government; and requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of $1,600,000 to the Commission.

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SB 278
Chapter 453
Senator McCray
MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FUND – INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PLANS
Altering certain restrictions and requirements related to the authority of the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund to accept premiums on an installment payment basis for motor vehicle liability insurance policies; and authorizing the Fund to charge and collect, if approved by the Maryland Insurance Commissioner, reasonable installment fees or reasonable fees for late payment of premiums by policyholders. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

HB 1473
Chapter 454
Prince George’s County Delegation
PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICTS – REDISTRICTING PLAN PG 507–22
Altering the boundaries of the school board districts for election of the members of the Prince George’s County Board of Education. EMERGENCY BILL

SB 444
Chapter 455
Prince George’s County Senators
PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICTS – REDISTRICTING PLAN
Altering the boundaries of the school board districts for election of the members of the Prince George’s County Board of Education. EMERGENCY BILL
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Prince George’s County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD – OPEN MEETINGS – VIDEO AND AUDIO STREAMING AND MINUTES PG/MC 101–22

Requiring the Montgomery County Planning Board to stream live video or teleconference audio or other audio of the open meetings of the Board and to prepare minutes of each open meeting; requiring the Board to maintain on its website complete and unedited archived recordings of livestreamed open meetings and the minutes of its open meetings; and providing that the inability of the Board to comply with the livestreaming requirements due to technical issues does not affect the validity of actions taken by the Board at an open meeting. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

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Prince George’s County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation
WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION – HIRING AND PROMOTION PREFERENCES – VETERANS AND THEIR SPOUSES PG/MC 106–22

Authorizing the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to grant a preference in hiring and promotion to eligible veterans, spouses of eligible veterans who have service-connected disabilities, and surviving spouses of deceased eligible veterans; and defining the term “eligible veteran” as any veteran of any branch of the armed forces of the United States who has an honorable discharge or a certificate of satisfactory completion of military service. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

HB 485
Chapter 458
Montgomery County Delegation
MONTGOMERY COUNTY – DEER HUNTING – SUNDAYS MC 25–22

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to hunt deer from 30 minutes before sunrise until 10:30 a.m. on certain Sundays in Montgomery County. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
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**HB 75**  
Chapter 459  
Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo, et al  
MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION – HEMP INDUSTRY MEMBER

Increasing, from 29 to 30, the number of members of the Maryland Agricultural Commission appointed by the Governor; and requiring the Governor to appoint one member from a list of at least two nominees representing the hemp industry.  
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**HB 38**  
Chapter 460  
Delegate Healey  
MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – VIDEO TOLLS – COLLECTION

Clarifying that the Maryland Transportation Authority may refer a delinquent account for unpaid video tolls to the Central Collection Unit; authorizing the Authority to recall certain delinquent accounts from the Central Collection Unit and waive unpaid tolls and associated penalties; and prohibiting the Central Collection Unit from collecting a delinquent account that is recalled by the Authority.  
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**HB 854**  
Chapter 461  
Delegate Wilkins  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MARYLAND ALCOHOL MANUFACTURING AND PROMOTION

Repealing the Maryland Wine and Grape Promotion Fund and the Advisory Commission on Maryland Wine and Grape Growing; establishing the Advisory Commission on Maryland Alcohol Manufacturing in the Department of Commerce as the successor to the Advisory Commission on Maryland Wine and Grape Growing; establishing the Maryland Alcohol Manufacturing Promotion Fund to provide grants that promote the advantages and attributes of State breweries, distilleries, and wineries and their products; etc.  
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Senator Zucker
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MARYLAND ALCOHOL MANUFACTURING AND PROMOTION

Repealing the Maryland Wine and Grape Promotion Fund and the Advisory Commission on Maryland Wine and Grape Growing; establishing the Advisory Commission on Maryland Alcohol Manufacturing in the Department of Commerce as the successor to the Advisory Commission on Maryland Wine and Grape Growing; establishing the Maryland Alcohol Manufacturing Promotion Fund to provide grants that promote the advantages and attributes of State breweries, distilleries, and wineries and their products; etc.
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SB 61
Chapter 463
Senator Zucker
MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – CONVERSION TO ZERO–EMISSION BUSES (ZERO–EMISSION BUS TRANSITION ACT REVISIONS)

Requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to provide certain safety and workforce development training for its operations training workforce and its maintenance workforce; requiring the Administration’s annual report on the implementation of the conversion of the State’s transit bus fleet to zero–emission buses to include a plan that ensures certain employee protections and a certification that the Administration is adhering to the plan; etc.
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SB 636
Chapter 464
Senator Zucker, et al
MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – WAIVER PROGRAMS – WAITLIST AND REGISTRY REDUCTION (END THE WAIT ACT)

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to develop plans to reduce the waitlist or registry for certain waiver programs by 50% beginning in fiscal year 2024.
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HB 869  Delegate Gilchrist, et al
WETLANDS AND WATERWAYS PROGRAM DIVISION – PERMITTING FOR ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION PROJECTS – REQUIRED STUDY
Requiring the Department of the Environment’s Wetlands and Waterways Program Division to study permitting for ecological restoration projects; requiring the Department to report on its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by June 1, 2024; etc.
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HB 993  Delegates Ebersole and Solomon
CHILD CARE CAPITAL SUPPORT REVOLVING LOAN FUND – ESTABLISHED
Establishing the Child Care Capital Support Revolving Loan Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund to provide no–interest loans for capital expenses related to a child care facility to child care providers who participate in the Child Care Scholarship Program; requiring the Department of Commerce to administer the Fund with support from the State Department of Education; and requiring the Department of Commerce to publicize the availability of loans from the Fund.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

HB 446  Delegate Forbes
BALTIMORE COUNTY – DISPOSITION OF MARRIAGE CEREMONY FEE
Altering the distribution of the fee for performing a marriage ceremony in Baltimore County to require the clerk of the circuit court to pay the entire $25 amount to the Baltimore County Historical Trust, Inc.
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HB 53
Delegate R. Lewis, et al
Chapter 468
VEHICLE LAWS – DEDICATED BUS LANES – PROHIBITION AND MONITORING SYSTEMS

Prohibiting a person from driving a motor vehicle in a dedicated bus lane unless authorized by a local jurisdiction, subject to certain exceptions; requiring the City of Baltimore to issue a new competitive request for proposals to select a certain contractor to carry out certain provisions of the Act; requiring the Baltimore City Police Department to issue a warning notice in place of a citation to a liable owner during the first 45 days that the bus lane monitoring system is in operation; etc.

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HB 664
Delegate Guyton, et al
Chapter 469
CHILD CARE PROGRAMS – MARYLAND INFANTS AND TODDLERS PROGRAM – INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

Requiring a child care program to provide to parents or guardians of a child under the age of 3 years information about the Maryland Infants and Toddlers Program and contact information for the local agency responsible for administering the Program; requiring a child care program to assist a parent or guardian with scheduling a time and location for the administering agency of the Program to provide a certain screening; and requiring the State Department of Education to provide certain information to child care programs.

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HB 749
Delegate Guyton
Chapter 470
NATURAL RESOURCES – MARYLAND PARK EXPLORERS GRANT PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Maryland Park Explorers Grant Pilot Program in the Department of Natural Resources to provide Anne Arundel County and Baltimore County with funds to establish local Park Explorers Pilot Programs; requiring the Pilot Programs to target youth populations with minimal access to green spaces, promote the positive aspects of being outdoors, and provide conservation concepts and local history and culture in its messaging; requiring the Governor to appropriate $100,000 for the Program in fiscal years 2024, 2025, and 2026; etc.

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**SB 466**
Chapter 471

**Senator Carter**

POTOMAC RIVER COMPACT – CLARIFICATION OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF AMENDMENTS

Clarifying that the State considers certain amendments to the Potomac River Compact to be in effect.

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**HB 191**
Chapter 472

**Delegate Lehman, et al**

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – SPAY/NEUTER FUND – EXTENSION AND REPORT

Extending the termination date to September 30, 2032, for provisions of law related to the Spay/Neuter Fund; and requiring the Department of Agriculture to report to the General Assembly by October 1, 2022, on spay and neuter programs that are not receiving funding from the Fund, the market capacity for increasing the fees assessed on each brand name or product name of commercial feed, a proposed fee structure to enhance the revenue generated from certain assessed fees, and additional sources of revenue for the Fund.

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**HB 1300**
Chapter 473

**Delegate Hartman, et al**

BEACH EROSION CONTROL DISTRICT – STATE– AND CITY–OWNED STRUCTURES

Exempting the repair, renovation, reconstruction, and limited expansion of certain existing structures in the Beach Erosion Control District from a certain prohibition, under certain circumstances and subject to certain requirements; and repealing certain exemptions from a certain prohibition for the widening of the boardwalk in Ocean City and the construction of certain restroom facilities in the District.

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**SB 64**
Chapter 474

**Senator Carozza**

BEACH EROSION CONTROL DISTRICT – STATE– AND CITY–OWNED STRUCTURES

Exempting the repair, renovation, reconstruction, or expansion of certain existing structures owned by the State or the Mayor and City Council of Ocean City in the Beach Erosion Control District from a certain prohibition under certain circumstances if the project does not result in any significant permanent environmental damage to the Beach Erosion Control District; and repealing certain exemptions from a certain prohibition for the widening of the boardwalk in Ocean City and the construction of certain restroom facilities in the District.

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**HB 1140**
Chapter 475

**Delegate Adams, et al**

NATURAL RESOURCES – VOLUNTARY FIREWOOD TREATMENT CERTIFICATION PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Voluntary Firewood Treatment Certification Program in the Department of Natural Resources to certify forest product operators who export firewood to other states and use heat treatment and other procedures to prevent the presence of wood boring pest infestations, wood inhabiting pests, and plant disease pathogens in firewood products.

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**SB 695**
Chapter 476

**Senators Carozza and Bailey**

NATURAL RESOURCES – VOLUNTARY FIREWOOD TREATMENT CERTIFICATION PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Voluntary Firewood Treatment Certification Program in the Department of Natural Resources to certify forest product operators who export firewood to other states and use heat treatment and other procedures to prevent the presence of wood boring pest infestations, wood inhabiting pests, and plant disease pathogens in the firewood products.

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Chapter 477

Senator Hester, et al

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MANUFACTURER’S LICENSES AND OFF–SITE PERMITS – SUNSET EXTENSION

Repealing the termination date for various provisions relating to alcoholic beverages manufacturer’s licenses and off–site permits, including provisions repealing specified permits and establishing a manufacturer off–site permit and brewery special event permit; extending the termination date for provisions relating to the authorization of holders of certain manufacturer’s licenses to sell and deliver and to directly ship their own alcoholic beverages products to certain individuals under certain circumstances; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

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Delegates Watson and Brooks

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MANUFACTURER’S LICENSES AND OFF–SITE PERMITS – SUNSET EXTENSION

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VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 40
Chapter 479

Delegate Watson, et al

CONDOMINIUMS – DISCLOSURES TO UNIT OWNERS AND PROHIBITED PROVISIONS IN INSTRUMENTS

Clarifying that certain provisions of law related to closed–door meetings of a board of directors of a condominium do not allow the board to withhold or agree to withhold the terms of certain legal agreements from the unit owners; making unenforceable a certain contract unless the contract contains a certain notice; requiring a board to disclose to the council of unit owners any agreement by the board for the purpose of settling a disputed common element warranty claim at least 21 days before the execution of the agreement; etc.

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**SB 121**
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MARYLAND FARMS AND FAMILIES FUND, MARYLAND FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL RESILIENCY MECHANISM GRANT PROGRAM, AND MARYLAND FARM–TO–SCHOOL MEAL GRANT PILOT PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS AND ESTABLISHMENT

Altering the purpose and use of the Maryland Farms and Families Fund; establishing the Maryland Food and Agricultural Resiliency Mechanism Grant Program and Fund to provide grants to food banks and charitable emergency food providers to alleviate food insecurity; and establishing the Maryland Farm–to–School Meal Grant Pilot Program and Fund to award grants to eligible school districts that include a local food component in school meals and to incentivize the production, procurement, and provision of local foods in school meals. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

**SB 477**
Chapter 481  
Senators Hester and Rosapepe
OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER – LEGAL DIVISION AND PRIVATE LETTER RULING PROCEDURES

Establishing a Legal Division in the Office of the Comptroller to provide expanded and detailed tax guidance to taxpayers and perform other duties relating to private letter rulings as assigned by the Comptroller; requiring the Comptroller to issue certain private letter rulings on the request of a person, except under certain circumstances; requiring the Comptroller when denying a private letter ruling request to provide the requestor with written reasons for the denial and to do so within 60 days of the request submission; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

**SB 630**
Chapter 482  
Senator Hester, et al
MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – OFFICE OF RESILIENCE

Establishing the Office of Resilience in the Maryland Department of Emergency Management; requiring the Secretary of Emergency Management to appoint a Chief Resilience Officer to direct the Office of Resilience; and requiring the Office of Resilience to coordinate with appropriate State agencies and State entities to meet certain goals. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
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Chapter 483
MARYLAND HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE – SMALL BUSINESS AND NONPROFIT HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDIES PROGRAM – WORKGROUP

Requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to convene a workgroup to study and make recommendations relating to the establishment of a Small Business and Nonprofit Health Insurance Subsidies Program to provide subsidies to small businesses and nonprofit employers and their employees for the purchase of health benefit plans; and requiring the workgroup to submit its report to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly by October 1, 2022.
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Pursuant to Article III, Section 52(6) of the Maryland Constitution, the following bill has been assigned a chapter number:

SB 290
The President (By Request – Administration)
Chapter 484
BUDGET BILL (FISCAL YEAR 2023)

Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director